Appointment of members of depressed classes in Government service.

454. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of candidates belonging to the depressed classes who have sent in applications for appointments in Government service in 1102 and 1103; and

(*b*) the number of those who have been employed in the several departments of the State in 1102 and 1103?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government do not propose to collect the information as the labour involved in doing so is out of all proportion to its utility.

Measures for the uplift of the depressed classes.

455. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken in pursuance of the various representations made by members of the depressed classes in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly for their uplift?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The members of the depressed classes who have made representations on the subject have been informed of the action taken by Government on their representations from time to time.

Fixing the pay of certain officers in British Indian currency.

456. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the rule under which certain officers are allowed to draw their pay in British Rupees?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In the case of officers of the British Government whose services have been obtained on foreign service conditions, the salary has to be fixed in British Rupees. Otherwise, any decision to fix pay in British Rupees is made on the merits of each case.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the second part of the answer, "Otherwise, any decision to fix pay in British Rupees is made on the merits of each case", will the member be pleased to state what are the merits which make an officer draw his pay in British Rupees.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is more or less hypothetical, Sir. I can however inform the member that the pay of the European officers has been fixed in British Rupees.

MR. D C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): I quite understand the pay of European officers being fixed in British Rupees. What has the member to say in regard to Indian officers?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The member says he can understand. I thought I wa giving fresh information as it was not contained in the reply.

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MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : The first part of the answer says : "In the case of the officers of the British Government, whose services have been obtained on foreign service conditions, the salary has to be fixed in British Rupees".

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : There are European officers in the service whose services have not been obtained on loan from the British Service. The pay has been fixed in British Rupees in their case also.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : But I ask what are the special merits which make certain Indian Officers draw their pay in British Rupees?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : I shall be glad if the member will give some specific instance and ask for a reply.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know why Mr. Ranga-swami Aiyangar and Mr. Chandrasekharan draw their pay in British Rupees? I ask the member what are the special merits which entitle these officers to draw their pay in British Rupees.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Sir, the member is asking about individual cases and I am not prepared with the reply. I said that in the case of certain officers their pay has been definitely fixed in British Rupees.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : I know that. I want to know why certain Indian officers draw their pay in British Rupees?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : I shall try to give an explanation as far as I recollect. Formerly the pay of the professors in the college was fixed in British Rupees when the posts were held by European officers. Government then decided that there should be no distinction between the pay of European officers and Indian officers holding the same posts and they fixed the pay in British Rupees in all cases. That order still continues.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know whether—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I think Mr. Ramasubba Aiyar has answered the question. As a special case some officers in the Education Depart-ment were given pay in British Rupees.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : May I know why Mr. O. S. Ramaswami Aiyar is paid in British Rupees?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : I do not know if I can answer the question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You need not if you are not so inclined.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : It is a matter pertaining to the Devaswom Department.

Mileage drawn by Heads of Departments.

457. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the following particulars :—

(*a*) the mileage drawn by each departmental head in 1103 ; and

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